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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ishikawa, *et al.*

SERIAL NO.: 09/555,704

FILED: June 2, 2000

FOR: **ENHANCED IMMUNOGEN FOR INACTIVATED VACCINE
FOR INFECTION WITH JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS
VIRUSES AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

EXAMINER: BROWN

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 30, 2002 in the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office action dated December 30, 2002 are respectfully requested. Applicants petition the Commissioner for a 2-month extension of time. A separate petition accompanies this amendment.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 9, 15, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as allegedly anticipated by Ding *et al.* (*Zhonghua Yi Za Zhi*, (*Natl. Med. J. China*), 78:261-262, 1998).

This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.